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New president for UB

by Geetha

Tharmaratnam

Neil Salonen, the new president of the University of Bridgeport was elected by the Board of Trustees on December 13 1999. President Salonen officially took over from the former president Richard L. Rubenstein.

President Salonen told The Scribe, "for the past 20 years, I have been working for a number of non-profit organizations based in Washington D.C.," and he claims that most of his experience has been in the administration of non-profit organizations. He has been involved in UB for seven years, the last five of which he has served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and he believes that he "understood, initially at least, some of the situations, constraints, problems and opportunities facing the University."

Among the major issues he believes need to be addressed are, "As an absolute prerequisite to anything else, we need an efficient administration because we are not making the best use of the resources we have." He made mention of the "conversion to the computer system that 'has been driving everybody crazy,'" and was confident that the problems would be sorted out by the end of the semester.

The second major issue is "we need to evaluate what we do well and eliminate the things that we don't do well." He plans to work closely with the Chief Financial Officer and the Provost. Currently a search



President Neil Salonen started his four-year term on January 1

committee is evaluating two candidates picked by President Salonen for the position of Provost. He said, "what I think I can do is put a team together that will make it [UB] run right."

"I know that if you just sit on campus and wait for things to be the way they were 20 years ago, you will miss the amazing innovation taking place in higher-ed." He believes that UB needs to have a traditional undergraduate program and it needs to be stronger than it is.

However, he said "our graduates provide the energy and economic resources to keep the programs we do have on campus running in a strong and healthy situation."

"I feel a very positive attitude," he said about the administrators, faculty, and students on campus. "People seem to be extraordinarily cooperative and I think they would like to work on the real problems and would like to pitch in and

help."

He has not met with the whole student body yet, but said he "met with the Executive body of the Student Congress." He said, "I am happy to meet with the whole of the student body, either dorm by dorm, or by school. I have already met with the Naturopathic students. I am waiting for people to invite me."

The idea of a general community meeting or a faculty meeting has come up but is still under consideration by the president. He said, "I haven't decided what to

do yet, but if I decided to do that, I would probably ask the Student Congress for their opinion, and if they supported the idea, then I probably would go ahead with it."

When asked about the concerns on campus with his connection to the Professors World Peace Academy, the organization that has to date donated over 100 million dollars to this institution, he replied, "I went up to Hartford to speak with the State accreditors and Boston to speak to the regional accreditors." He believes he has allayed their fears and apparently, the University will continue to be monitored by the accreditors.

When asked whether UB was going to become more "God-centered school," he said UB would continue to be a place where there would be "a free interplay of ideas." He stressed that UB would continue to enjoy academic freedom.

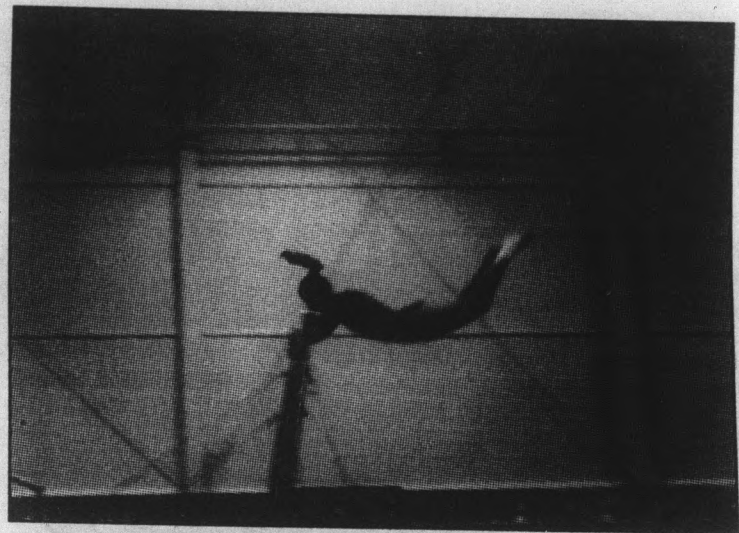
Flipping for UB gymnasts

by Trinity Belgrave

On Saturday our UB gymnasts defeated Springfield College in their sixth meet of the season. The gymnasts are undefeated this season with victories over Rhode Island College, MIT, The University of Vermont, Westchester University and the S.U.N.Y. Cort-

land. ing off the top three was senior Casi Clayton.

In our season-opening meet we traveled to Rhode Island on December 12 where we defeated the host team with Terri-Ann Bunchek, Joey-Marie Kochanski, Angela Currie and Laura McFarland finishing one through four



Senior Casey Clayton with the UB gymnastics team blows away the competition

land.

Saturday's meet represented their first home meet of the semester. The appreciative crowd was treated to a fine display from our ladies. The UB gymnasts swept the top three places on all apparatus except the balance beam where we conceded the second two spots to the Springfield gymnasts. The overall individual standings for the meet were representative of our overall dominance with senior Angela Currie recording her third first place finish of the season in all-around competition. Freshman Joey-Marie Kochanski recorded her third second place finish and round-

respectively in the all-around competition.

In other meets this season we defeated the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on January 8. In this meet Angela Currie won the all-around competition with Joey-Marie Kochanski and Laura McFarland rounding off the top three. On January 15 versus the University of Vermont Angela Currie won the all-around with Laura McFarland, Joey-Marie Kochanski and Teri Maltch finishing three, four and five in the meet. On Jan 22 we hosted Westchester and S.U.N.Y.-Cortland. We fin-

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Problems abound with new computer system

by Christian Salvatori

Last Tuesday many students were unable to register or get cleared with the Bursar due to the school's brand new computer system not being in operation. This occurred even before the decision was made to close school that day due to the snowstorm.

According to Marc Sedutto, the Director of Information Technology, the apparent misfortunes of the students that day had nothing to do with the inadequacies of the new computer system, but rather, was a result of the weather.

Mr. Sedutto explained, "There were several power outages over the weekend con-



The computer problems resulted in delays at the bursar's office, among other places

tinuing into Tuesday with the storm. On Tuesday the system had been shut down and there was some corruption of the data system. Because the

power system was unstable all Tuesday afternoon, we decided to take a prudent step in protecting the data and not performing any repairs to the data

on Tuesday until things (the weather) had stabilized." No data was lost however since nightly backups are performed.

He went on to clarify that "when you are in the process of repairing data on a system that is off-line, if the system were to suffer another power failure, the potential for unrecoverable data-corruption is very great." For this reason they did not want to begin any data repair and restoration "under any circumstances, so we left it down all Tuesday."

Fortunately however, the new system, unlike the old system, has power protection. The

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Job Corner

To create a resume

So, you are back from the winter break. You pay the Bursar, buy textbooks, order a few pizzas with friends you haven't seen in over a month... and realize that you are broke. You need a job!

The first step to start your job search is to make your resume. Resume (a.k.a. curriculum vitae) serves the purpose of providing your potential employer with a summary of your professional career. A resume should have your name, contact information, education, and work experience. It is also a good idea to include information on your special skills and awards/honors.

At this point of your career, your resume should be one page long. Traditionally, resumes were printed on gray/tan paper. Because the latest trend (especially among large companies) is to scan resumes of applicants and store them electronically, it is probably a good idea to use white paper. I would suggest buying heavier (size 24-26) paper, which is available from Staples or OfficeMax.

Use business-looking fonts when composing your resume, such as Times New Roman or Courier, size 10 to 12. Because your resume might be scanned, beware of using boldface, underlines, and italics. Keep your resume simple and uncluttered.

While there is no single standard format which you should use for resumes, I will suggest one that you can follow. Put your name on top of the resume, along with your contact information. Use a font size of 16 to 18 for your name, since you want it to

stand out. For contact information, put down your mailing address and telephone number. Also, if you check your email often, make sure to put down your email address. Not only will it provide the potential employer with an additional means of communication with you, but it will also indicate to him that you are PC-proficient.

The next column on your resume is education (that is what you are currently doing, after all). Put down the name of the University, your major and minor, and the anticipated date of graduation. If you have a good GPA, by all means include it on your resume. If you are a freshman or sophomore, consider putting down your high school information as well. Juniors and seniors are not advised to do so, unless your school is very special (e.g., a prestigious Swiss boarding school).

Under the education column, put work experience. Indicate your title, name and location of the company, dates of employment, and your responsibilities. This would be the place where you can also record your internships and volunteer work. List your latest position first.

The next column addresses special skills that you might have. Here you can put down any foreign languages that you speak and computer software or programming languages which you know. Also be sure to list your personal skills, e.g., a team player, a quick learner, etc.

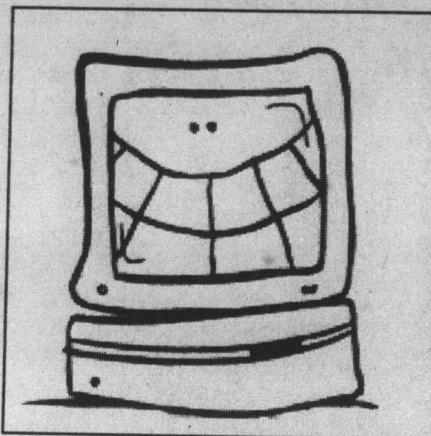
Finally, finish your resume by noting rewards or honors which you received. If you were granted a scholarship, or were put on the Dean's List, be sure to mention it here.

Tracking technology trends

Y2k dud

by Puneet Batra

January 1st, 2000 - It came and went without any significant problems caused by the Y2K bug. Although most of us were unaffected, some car-owners in France got their registration certificates with the title 'horseless car-



riage' which is the term the French use to describe vehicles manufactured prior to 1916. Evidently the computer assumed that the 2000 models were actually 1900 models. Thankfully, no planes fell out of the sky and power lines continued supplying electricity.

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration is pushing Cyberspace Electronic Security Act (CESA) which, if passed, will give authorities the right to obtain access to your personal computer and any encryption keys used by individuals to send secure email. The DOJ's Fidnet plan includes proposals to conduct online surveillance although this has been vehemently denied by officials.

While attempting to invade your privacy, the DOJ is still submitting legal briefs against Microsoft and pushing for its breakup. At the same time, the ground beneath Microsoft's vast OS base is slowly slipping away with the growing popularity of Linux, a free, open-source Operating System that lets users customize it as they want. Even though Linux is still comparatively unfriendly for the non-technical person, its popularity is growing fast.

On the local front, UB's system administrator has been working on a Web gateway for the UBnet email system. This will allow users to send and receive email from a Hotmail-like interface, making it easier for some people to access their email. The system is still being tested and can be tried out at www.bridgeport.edu/email.

You can also check out the following websites to make free domestic phone calls:

www.speak4free.com
www.dialpad.com



A screenshot from a system using Linux

Burr-Sarr

On star-date 3874398, Wejfg Ldjfvbidcyhgv, the consulate of Mars, gave an address on the bill pending in the Inter-Galactic Senate. If passed, the bill would allow the Senate's forces to be sent in on any planet where sentient beings are being subjected to acts that are considered "intolerable and excessively cruel."

The strongest image that Ldjfvbidcyhgv presented was that of a harsh ritual that many adolescents must endure on the small, primitive planet of Earth. This ritual revolves around a sadistic ringleader, who varies from area to area, but is often called the "Burr-Sarr." Apparently, many of these humans are forced to stand on a line for as long as six hours at a time, waiting. Often, the "Burr-Sarr" will close out the line for no reason, and tell the unfortunates that they must return another day.

The consulate expressed his fear that, should they start to take military action on such a primitive world, the natives would become aggressive. He pointed to the number of zoological studies that proved that humans were violent, unpredictable and unstable. He also noted that it has not yet been established whether or not Humans are, indeed, sentient.

All that can be said is that those poor humans will continue to be subjected to these extreme difficulties.

Can't get enough BSB

Over the past several months, UB has been experiencing tough times. Financial crises, technology inadequacies, morale problems - you name it, UB has been through it. However UB is on the verge of its biggest problem since P.T. Barnum buried Jumbo the elephant, damning the area forever with its evil ghost.

It seems that there is a shortage of Backstreet Boys items on-campus. For this reason, hooligans throughout UB are doing anything and everything to get their hands on Backstreet Boys items. Some have even attempted to take the Humanities C202 course, in hopes that "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" will be replaced with "The Backstreet Boys Semi-Official Biography: By A Guy Named Gus Who Used To Be The Security Guard At The New Haven Coliseum Where The Backstreet Boys Played Once."

Now I know what you are thinking. How can I protect my Millennium CD and "I Love Nick" posters from being stolen? That's a good question, especially when some of you fought 13 year-old girls at Sam Goody for that poster. Personally, I would like to know that the scars were not in vain.

One of the simplest things you can do to protect your Backstreet

Boys, "BSB", items is to hide them before you leave your room. Don't worry, you don't have to take down your poster every time, just disguise it. Find a picture of Student Congress President Lucas Mc Cloud, cut out his face, tape onto Nick's face, and WALLAH! There you have it, a perfectly disguised BSB poster. In a million years, no one would be able to tell the difference between an old Nick poster and your new, cool, Lucas as BSB Boy poster.

In fact, you might like it so much that you decide to leave it that way. People viewing BSB posters with their President's face on it for the first time have been known to say, "Are you in therapy yet?"

But that doesn't matter. Because when they leave, you can smile to yourself, because you know your beloved Nick poster is safe and sound.

Disclaimer: The bottom half of this page is meant for entertainment. Please, do not take it seriously, it was written to appeal to your sense of humor. Apologies to people we might have offended...and don't tape notes to our door.

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Congress gets \$6,000

by John E. Musser
Members of the Student Congress financial committee welcomed Neil Salonen as the new president of the University, especially after finding out that he approved an increase of \$6000 in their budget for this semester.

For several years, the Congress has operated on a budget of \$34,000 for each academic year. However, it has become apparent that these funds would not be sufficient to sponsor the plethora of student-run activities. This is especially because of the climbing cost of running a party, and the events such as movie nights and bowling nights that the Congress is sponsoring this year. In addition, most events that Students Congress has subsidized have not charged UB students for attendance.

Recognizing that the remaining funds in the Student Congress budget would not cover the programs that clubs and congress committees are planning, the executive board of congress met with President Salonen prior to the start of the spring semester to request additional funding. President

Salonen gave his initial approval, increasing the Congress budget to \$40,000. These monies will come out of Salonen's presidential discretionary fund, similar to the funds that President Rubenstein provided for the UB van several years ago.

According to Lucas Mc Cloud, the President of Student Congress, the additional funds will provide them with "enough money to run ninety percent" of what they would like to see done. Had the increase not occurred, several allocations would have to be turned down in the financial committee, possibly including some of the traditional events that are held every year. With the increase, however, the committee will be able to pass allocations to clubs for most of the events that they foresee.

Considering the inadequacy of funds available for this year, it is probable that future student organizations will also need additional funding. For this reason, the congress is working on a plan to increase the established budget.

Mr. Mc Cloud has discussed raising the student activity fee by five dollars per

student for each semester. This would raise the current annual fee from twenty to thirty dollars per student each academic year. If such an increase were implemented, the University would match funds one hundred percent. When all is figured out, this would bring the budget up to approximately \$56,000 annually.

While nothing is certain yet, Mr. Mc Cloud believes that most students would be very willing to pay the small increase for what they will receive in return along the lines of on-campus events. President Salonen seemed to be in favor of such an increase, this would have to be approved with the new budget.

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UB facilities plagued by water damage

by John E. Musser
UB was plagued by problems over break, as many buildings suffered damage from the extreme weather that swept through New England.

According to Paul Engemann, Director of Facilities, many weather related problems occurred simultaneously. Some of these troubles have not yet been completely repaired.

The biggest problem occurred in the Arnold Bernhard Center on January 17. Broken pipes caused the building to flood, making the building unusable. Currently, the first through fifth floors are opened, while the upper floors are still being repaired. It is uncertain when the entire building will be repaired.

Another smaller flood also occurred in Warner Hall. In this recently renovated building, a single pipe burst, creating temporary problems for the residents of the structure.

Dana Hall, the science



Only the first five floors of the ABC are open due to water damages from burst pipes

building, was also affected. The edifice was provisionally closed after a heating coil broke. This didn't seem to affect students a great deal, however, as the problem was taken care of by the time classes started.

Student booksale held for the first time

by Maya Atanassova
A book sale was held on Wednesday, January 27 in the basement of Bodine Hall. The event was organized by Bibhoo Shrestha, a Bodine Resident Assistant, and was a precedent in the University's history.

Even though selling and swapping used textbooks among students at the beginning of each semester is a well-familiar practice, nobody so far has organized this into an official sale event. "We thought that, instead of having all

out quite well: two "market tables" were set up - one for the science textbooks, and the other - for those in the humanities field, and students swarmed around each of them. There was some real bargaining on prices, which were all generally much lower than the ones offered on used books at the University bookstore. The prices ranged from \$2 to \$50.



Students were able to save money by buying books from each other

those flyers for sell/buy used textbooks posted around campus, it would be a much better idea to organize that into a book sale, which could be attended by everyone at one time," said Mr. Shrestha "thus, it would be easier for students to find the necessary books at cheap prices and sell whatever they do not need any more."

Several of the Residence Assistants of Bodine Hall stood behind the initiative.

Over 200 students turned up for the sale, and the spontaneous organization worked

there was a lot of the spirit of collectivity in the air. "Some of the students even came down to give away their textbooks," said the RA's. "Why buy when we can share them?"

The sale proved to be a successful and a long-due alternative for supplying costly study materials, and its initiators plan to turn it into a regular event at the beginning of each semester.

Seeley Hall is taking after the Bodine initiative and is organizing a similar booksale on Thursday, 3.

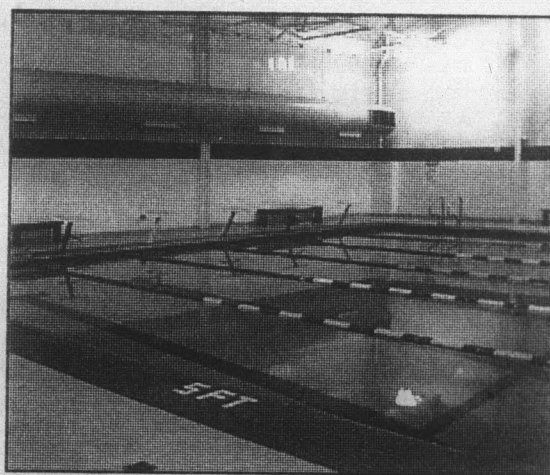
Trimmed hours for Wheeler

by Christian Salvatori
This semester, within the newly painted walls of the Wheeler Recreational Center, lies some beautiful and costly renovations that many students will not have the freedom to enjoy.

During the winter break, the swimming pool was emptied, retiled and has already been filled. However, it is being heated at present and will not be ready till February 10th. Unfortunately, that does not mean the pool is going to be easily accessible thereafter. Up to last semester, the pool was open till 9:30pm during the week and for at least five hours on weekends. This semester, the pool will only be open from 6:30 to 9:30am, 12:00

for comment.

Not only is the swimming pool going to be seeing fewer students this semester, but so is the field house. The varsity teams have booked the four courts from 3:30pm till closing from Monday through Friday, every week till the end of



The newly cleaned swimming pool is one area that has increased time restrictions

the semester. Most students have classes till at least 3:45pm, meaning they will not have access to the field house at all. In addition, alumni and guests who use the rec center during regular working hours may not be able to use the field house during the week.

Another issue with Wheeler that has caught the eyes of the student population is the quality of some of the staff. Most noteworthy is the "no

care attitude" of some of the lifeguards. One of the student workers of the Wheeler, who preferred to remain anonymous, confessed to the Scribe that it's not uncommon to find lifeguards playing basketball or working out in the gym while they are on duty, because "they have too much freedom to do whatever they want." In addition, sometimes they just "don't show up, leave early or talk on the phone."

The student worker also commented on the poor attitude of at least one of the managers/directors. An example is when the directors want to shut down the Wheeler before its schedule closing time simply because they wanted to go home early.

Many students have already begun complaining about these changes in the Wheeler's schedule. These new hours come as a shock to the campus community especially since the school was "graced" with the additional hours just less than a year ago.

A new effort is underway as a student worker has begun to collect signatures for a petition to restate the original hours.

On Campus

Poor Heating

by Andrea Koehler
During the winter break between the Fall 1999 and the Spring 2000 semesters, Paul Engemann, the Director of facilities received a report from David Oestreicher, the Director of Residential Life, that there was a problem with the heating system in Barnum Hall. Some of the pipes had become air-bound, so the water could not flow and the heat was not being circulated. As soon as he was notified, the problem was corrected by bleeding the system.

Despite this correction, there have still been many complaints from students about the heat. This winter, many of the rooms are having trouble staying warm. This holds especially true for the rooms that have two exposed walls, or face the ocean. Mr. Oestreicher commented, "Although we can adjust the heat of

the boilers in the basements, we can only turn them up so much without running the risk of having either them or the radiator pipes start to spring leaks due to the pressure."

"We can only turn up the boilers so much without running the risk of them starting to spring leaks."

*-Paul Engemann
Director of Facilities*

This may be due to their age. Paul Engemann told us that, although the burners have probably been upgraded over the years, the boilers and most of the piping are original with the buildings.

Right now, the heating system is not adequate. Shawna Reeves, a Sophomore living in Barnum, was

quoted, "On the third floor, where we are, we have to leave our windows open, because of the tremendous heat. On the other hand, on the fourth floor, I have to keep my coat on because it's basically freezing."

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Student Center

Student Congress Update

The Student Congress is pleased to announce it has received approximately \$6,000 to further student activities. Additionally, funding of approximately \$8,000 has been received for the Bowling Alley. The Student Congress thanks President Neil Salonen for his consideration and support on these issues.

The Student Congress will host "Meet Your Representatives," a general student address, on Thursday, February 3 at 9:00 PM in the Student Center. Students are invited to attend with their concerns and questions for the Student Congress.

The first House of Representatives and Student Senate meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 9, at 9:00 PM in the Student Center.

Mess in Bodine shower

by John E. Musser
Many residents of Bodine Hall were in for a hygienic shock during the Winter break, as fecal waste, presumably human, was found in shower stalls of the residence facility.

The samples were found on the fourth and eighth floors, both of which are male floors.

Many students were disturbed by the discovery, several of whom have not taken a shower on their own floors since the time of the defecation.

Puneet Batra, a junior, was particularly upset with the person or persons who tainted the shower room in his dormitory, claiming "we shouldn't take that crap from anybody."

Others, in contrast, do not see it as a major problem. Jeff Kokoszka was not fazed by the nuisance declaring

"hey, [it] happens."

To many, it did not come as a surprise that both floors plagued by sanitation problems were those inhabited by males.

According to Jennifer Putnam, "this just further proves that man are pigs."

In all seriousness, the residential life staff addressed this problem in an attempt to persuade people to use restroom facilities appropriately.

According to David Oestiecher, director of Residential Life, "two floor meetings and one hall meeting" were held "to educate people about the problem and per-

suaude the individual(s) to stop their antisocial behavior."

Since the time that the issue was raised in the hall meeting, the behavior has stopped, according to Mr. Oestiecher.

"Meetings were held to persuade the individual(s) to stop their antisocial behaviour"

*-David Oestreicher
Director of Residential Life*

Bowling season in UB again?

by Ram Madabhushi

In a series of moves to expand the functions of the student congress, the university may reopen the bowling alley for regular use.

According to Mr. Lafir Thassim, CFO of the student congress, the budget and problems with respect to maintaining the bowling alley are being discussed with the president. A proposal

to allocate approx. \$8000 towards this event is being considered.

"If all goes well, we may be able to open it as early as two weeks from now", the CFO remarked enthusiastically.

Located in the base-

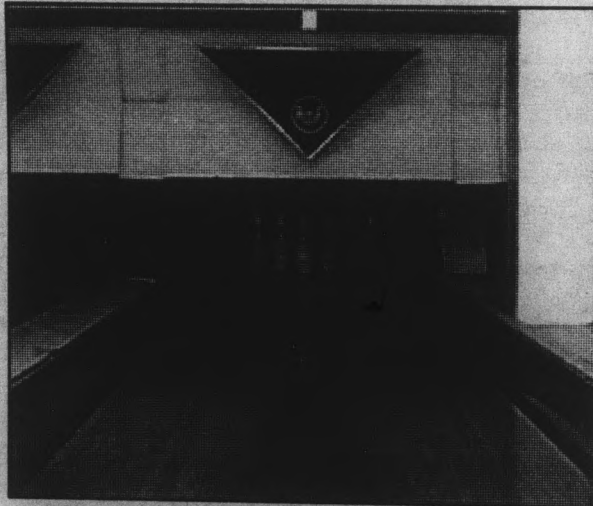
ment of the student center, the bowling alley has remained non-functional for quite sometime now, the exception being an occasional bowling night during orientation sessions.

The reason for this is reported to be the need for repair and the cost associated with its maintenance.

During the last semester, the bowling nights cost the student congress about \$150 per night and despite

spending so much, there were technical problems causing delays.

According to Mr. Thassim, the cost of repairing the bowling alley and making it fully operational could range anywhere between \$2000 - \$7000, and an additional \$7000 would approximately be needed per semester to arrange for its proper functioning during hours of use.



The reopening of the bowling alley comes after sporadic usage of the facility for several years

"I t would then be possible to open it for about five hours, thrice a week", the CFO said.

The opening of the bowling alley will be welcomed by students who have been waiting to bowl on the turf

again.

Many students feel that it is a good idea since it will open a new source of recreation.

Others feel that keeping the bowling alley open during evenings especially during the weekends will encourage students to come out of their dorms and enjoy themselves.

"At least we will have something to do now" one student remarked.

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Lines at the Bursar's office completely unnecessary

The Spring semester at UB has already been off to a great start this semester, with renovations taking place all over campus, an increased budget for the Student Congress, and class was even cancelled for a day because of the snow. But best of all, some students aren't starving. Isn't this great? Our friends at Marina Dining Hall have allowed us to eat for the first few days of the semester even though many of us have not been cleared by the bursar for a meal plan.

Unfortunately, every semester, those students who have decided to patronize the services at Marina must get a slip of paper from the bursar. This note states that they have paid their bills, and are moral beings with a right to physical subsistence via the intake of biochemical nutrients, or something along those lines.

So what is everyone complaining about? You are allowed to eat, you are recognized as an end in yourself, what else do you want? Every semester we hear people complaining about having to wait in these lines for a few hours, as if you have something better to do with your time. I mean, seriously, it is not like

you have that many classes, or work, or Scribe articles to write do you?

And even if you are one of the few who value their time and would rather be doing something other than waiting to see John Polascik, it's not like complaining is going to do any good. We can't even get computers to print out our grades on time, so you might as well give up on seeing a campus network that would let someone check for meal clearance in locations as remote as Marina.

And then there is this ridiculous claim that someone could get a big list of the people who should get fed, and walk this list all the way over to Marina. Sure this may seem more convenient and efficient at first glance, but you are forgetting that someone would have to walk all that way with the big list. Who do you think is going to do this, that assistant person? Yeah right, she gets mad when she has to make photocopies.

On the upside, Marina now serves a delicious array of dried fruits and nuts. Perhaps we can come up with a better way to access them next semester and save us all some grief?

Cable bill finally paid

During the 1999 Fall Semester, there were several problems with the cable service that UB was receiving. The cable was shut off because of an outstanding unpaid bill that the University had yet to pay the company. Payment had been outstanding for quite a while.

The bill has finally been paid. Right now, the cable in all of the residential buildings has been restored, with the exception of Seeley Hall. See-

ley has only the ground floor hooked up to cable, but will be fully connected after the replacement of two television sets from the upper floors which were stolen.

It's great that we have cable now. Thank you to Residential life, David O., and the University Accounts Payable department for their swift and timely action which has saved the lives of countless students about to expire from boredom.

On The Spot

How did the problems with the school computer system affect you?



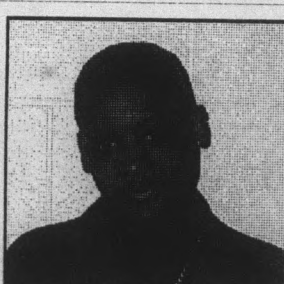
"I had to wait for three days just to get registered. I missed most of my classes as a result."

Ayoush M Dixit



"I wasted a lot of my time."

Jia Yeong Chen



"The simple fact is I am an RA and it caused problems with the records."

Sparkle Brereton



"I ate at home until Monday the following week and then went to the bursar."

Orlin Grigorov



"It didn't really affect me."

Justin Adia



"I had to wait for two and a half hours and I missed 45 minutes of MS 120 class, and that was my first class this semester."

Jamal Feroz



"It did not affect me personally as I registered before the semester began."

Egiko Hirade



"I was unaffected. Everything thus far has worked for me."

Dale A. Selman

Classifieds

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new system "has very large uninterruptable power supplies that protect the system from power failures and the like," verified Mr. Sedutto. The new system is also "automated in that if there is a power failure for an extended time the system will shut down smoothly." The old system, which was designed in the 1970s, uses a tremendous amount of electric power and does not have a power protection mechanism.

Even though registration procedures have not been going as smoothly as students would have anticipated, Mr. Sedutto reminds us that his department has been faced with numerous challenges over the last year. The project of implementing a new computer system only began last February, and a project of this scale should really have commenced no less than two years ago.

Be that as it may, the IT department has not been very fortunate where manpower is concerned either. In terms of this Data Tel project, UB only has four people. Normally, for this size implementation there are as many as 21 people, such as at Quinnipiac, a school similar in size to UB.

This new system has two distinctive benefits over the old system. First of all, it should make information more available to more people as it requires

less technical skill. The interface is graphical rather than terminal based making it more user friendly than the old system, and it could be accessed through a web browser.

Eventually, the school would like to get to the point where they could eliminate as much paper as possible. One of the primary initiatives of the project is to reduce the amount of paper work. People could now look up information on the screen rather than going through a print out. The new system runs on a server thereby allowing faster access than before. The system is also more secure than before."

Like with any new information technology installation, especially of a project of this scale, research and training is of utmost importance. Unfortunately, the multitudinous tasks of the IT department has not allowed them to find the time to go to the necessary training sessions.

Needless to say, the staff had to be trained. In order to maximize this learning stage of the implementation of the project, a training room was set up in Carlson Hall so that most of the training could be done on site.

Fortunately, Mr. Sedutto was able to leave us with some good words, he and his IT team are "optimistic that some of the bugs are being worked out, we've seen light at the end of the tunnel, and once everything is implemented it is going to be a very nice system."

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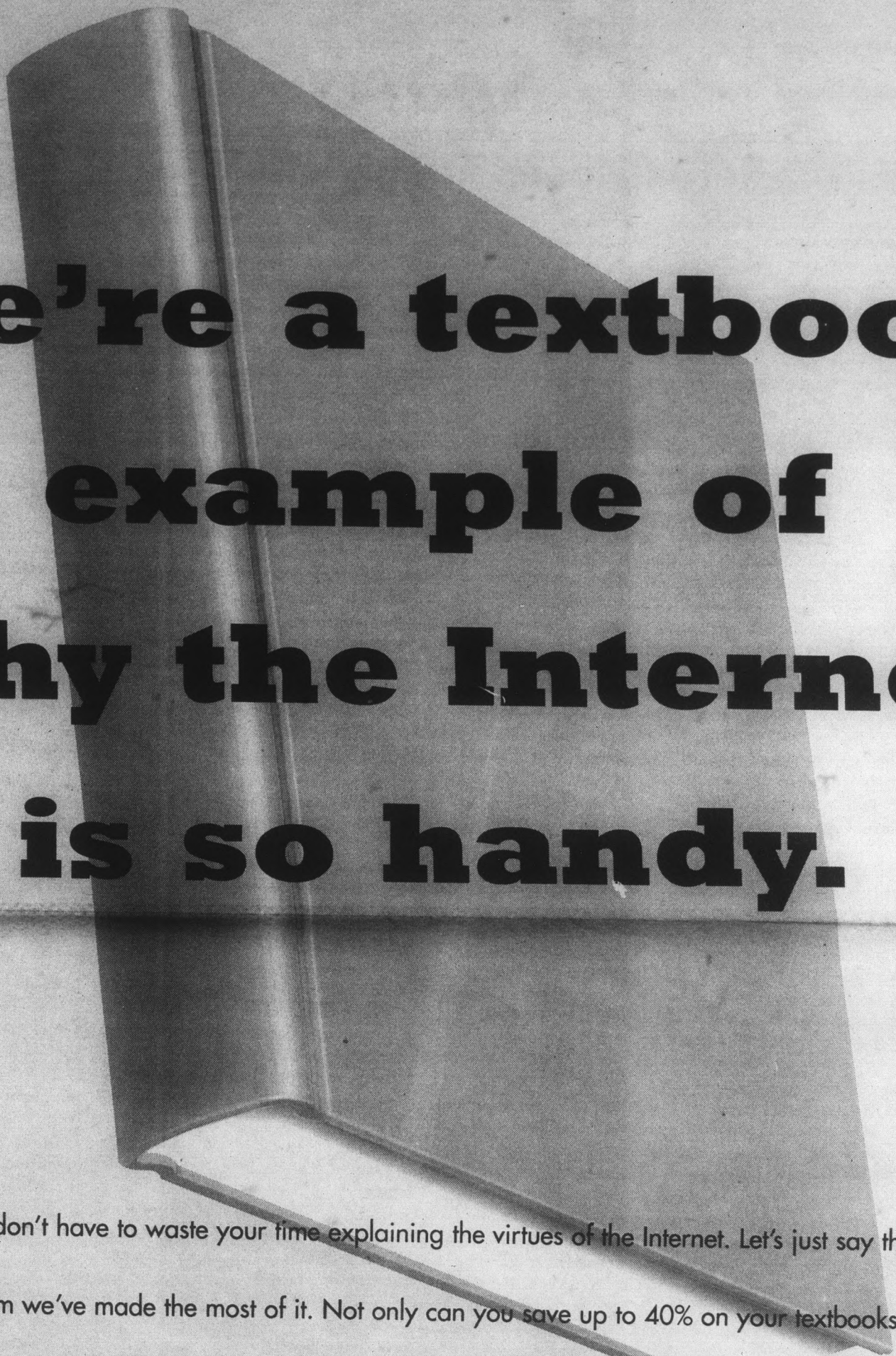
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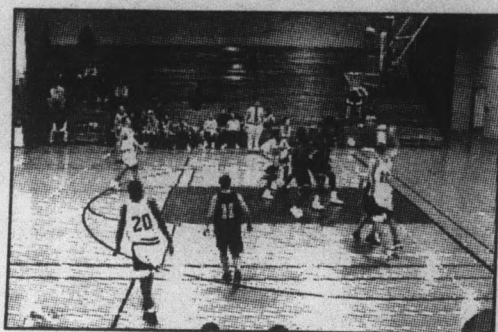


Men's basketball loses in ugly affair

The game started with Eric Smiles's one-man show. He hit almost every shot, and the Knights had a ten-point lead. In the first 6 minutes, the Knights attacked with outside shots because of the Owls' poor defense. However, as the Owls tightened up, the Knights started to miss their shots. The Owls, on the other hand, attacked down the middle, and the Knights could not help but foul. With less than 10 minutes to play in the first half, Owls cut into the Knights lead and went into the break trailing by one point 37-36.

Neither team took control of the game as several lead changes marked the beginning of the second half. Five minutes into the half one play changed the momentum of the game. The Owls'

Davis cut into the lane and slam-dunked. This encouraged the Owls' players in what was an increasingly unfriendly and emotional affair. Soon after that, the Knights found themselves down by 7.



Action in the game against Southern

About eight minutes into the second half, Platt, a Southern Connecticut State Owl walked to Smiles and grabbed his uniform. The crowd became quiet for a

while, and referees quickly stopped the game. After a short talk among the referees, Platt and Smiles each shot technical free throws. After Platt made both of his shots, unbelievably, he taunted some of the spectators. When Smiles walked down to take his shots

there was immense pressure as the crowd was at this point as loud as it had been throughout the course of the proceedings. With the pressure of the crowd, he stepped up and made his two shots. From this point on the game was anything but a friendly affair.

Even with the pressure of an unfriendly home crowd SC's Platt continued to score and lead his team. He played the entire second half. In the last few minutes, the Owls started to pass the ball from one side to the other side to kill time. Since the Owls kept the Knights hanging by running the shot clock down when UB did get the ball they were impatient to shoot. As a result many of the shots were poor ones. Moreover, the Owls' two guards, the Trimboli brothers, hit clutch three-pointers, while the Knights were struggling to score. The game ended with the Knights going down 75-90.

Ladies basketball still fighting

A difficult season continues for the lady basketball players as they have fallen to 0-18 overall for the season.

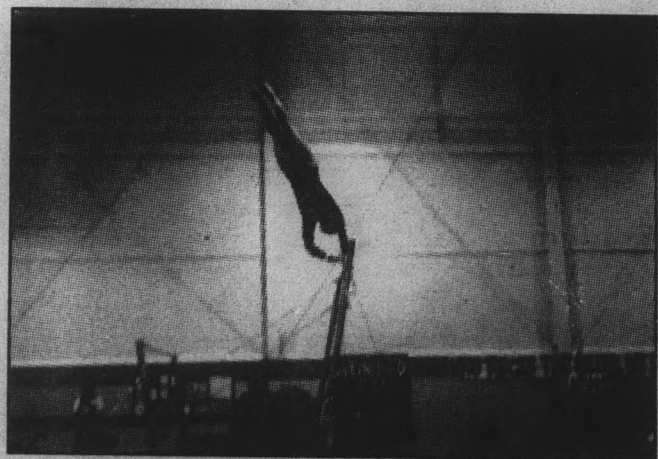
In a home loss to the University of New Haven on January 22 Tanisha Hubbard shone shooting 12 of 24 from the field and finishing with twenty-eight points to lead all scorers. In what was one of our better shooting performances we shot 38 % from the field. The UNH team got help off the bench with Christine Huber contributing twelve points and Cori Harrington getting eight to complement starters Becky Snow and Niketa Harris's thirteen and twelve points respectively. The free throw line

proved to be anything but as we shot 4 for 11 from the stripe. In what was a disappointing performance, we lost at home on January 26 to Southern Connecticut for the second time this season going down twenty-three to seventy-two.

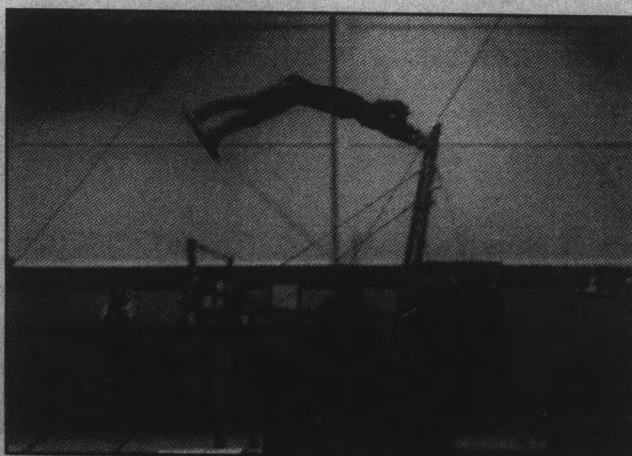
In a season with few bright spots some of our ladies have managed to get recognition for their performances during the season. Both sophomore guard Tanisha Hubbard and freshman Fatima Carvey have made it to the NECC honor roll last week. Tanisha Hubbard leads the NECC and is thirty-fifth in Division II the nation overall in scoring with 18.2 points per game. Fatima Carvey, a walk-on, did

not play basketball in high school. She has, however, worked hard and improved her game. She leads the team in total rebounds averaging more than eight a game. She also contributes just over three points a contest for the Lady Knights, leads the team in steals and is the only player to have started every game this season.

Our ladies are coming towards the end of what is a hard fought season. They have played hard without much material success and continue to do so. Their final home game is against NECC rivals Franklin Pierce College on February 16.



Junior Laura McFarland during her uneven-bars performance



Angela Currie swinging to her first place finish in the All-around competition

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ished atop the standings: Casi Clayton led the way finishing first in the all

round competition. Joey-Marie Kochanski finished third and Tracy Vassaluzzo just missed out on the top five finishing sixth.

Bridgeport gymnasts are truly a

force to be reckoned with. Their next home meet is Feb 19, so come on down to the newly renovated Wheeler Rec. and support your team.

Scoreboard

Gymnastics

Date	Meet	Score	(Overall)
12/12	@Rode Island Coll.	178.3-164.375	(1-0)
1/8	@MIT	176.1-159.425	(2-0)
1/15	@University of Vermont	180.875-178.475	(3-0)
1/22	Westchester University	177.125-174.550	(4-0)
1/22	S.U.N.Y-Cortland	177.125-173.6	(5-0)
1/29	Springfield Coll.	184.474-176.075	(6-0)

***Next Home Meet Feb 19 Wheeler Rec. vs. R.I.C**

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Score	(Overall)
12/29	@Concordia Coll. W.	108-96	(1-11)
1/8	UMASS- Lowell	L, 78-81(OT)	(1-12)
1/9	Binghamton U	L, 69-95	(1-13)
1/12	@Binghamton U L.	60-105	(1-14)
1/15	@Franklin Pierce Coll.	L, 76-77	(1-15)
1/17	@Assumption Coll.	L, 76-118	(1-16)
1/19	@Felician Coll. L.	83-85	(1-17) 1/22
UNH	L, 62-87	(1-18)	
1/26	Southern Conn.	L, 75-90	(1-19)

***Next Home game FINAL home game of the season Feb 16 vs. Franklin Pierce College**

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Score	(Overall)
12/30	Adelphi U	L, 38-66	(0-10)
1/6	New Hampshire Coll.	L, 38-76	(0-11)
1/8	UMASS-Lowell	L, 18-82	(0-12)
1/12	@Binghamton U	L, 48-98	(0-13)
1/15	@Franklin Pierce Coll.	L, 46-72	(0-14)
1/19	@Felician Coll.	L, 36-80	(0-15)
1/22	UNH	L, 50-72	(0-16)
1/26	Southern Conn.	L, 23-72	(0-17)
1/30	Klutztown U	L, 41-73	(0-18)

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